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Last-ditch effort to prevent strike today

MICHAL YUDELMAN

HISTADRUT Chairman MK Amir Peretz and Finance Minister Avraham Shohat met late last night in a last-ditch effort to reach a compromise on the pension plan and prevent a strike today which would paralyze much of the economy.

The large unions called a 24-hour warning strike today, beginning at 6 a.m.

If it does take place, the strike will be one of the largest for several years, including workers at El Al, the Airports Authority, Bezeq, Israel Railways, high schools and the Amal network, Egged's hired drivers, Israel Aircraft Industries, TAAS-Israel Industries, the Oil Refineries, the petrochemical industries, the Nuclear Research Center, the Weizmann Institute, Nesher, the Dead Sea Works and others plants.

The negotiations between the union's representatives and the Treasury were stalemated on Friday, after the two sides failed to reach an agreement on the government's new pension plan. A separate meeting between Peretz and Shohat also reached a dead end.

The unions' action committee accused the Treasury of deliberate action using stalling tactics in the talks. It announced that the strike would take place even if the Histadrut does not approve it, since the Finance Ministry has no intention of changing the pension plan, which guarantees the pension rights of some 600,000 workers.

IAT union chairman Haim Katz said "the government cannot rob the country's workers of their pensions. It is unthinkable that people should pay for their pension every single month, year after year, for 35 years, and then, when they retire, should be forced to live close to the poverty line."



Hundreds of Palestinians demonstrate in Gaza City yesterday against the continued closure of the territories. (AP)

Army eases closure, Palestinians still banned from Israel

Arafat: Iran ordered latest wave of suicide bombings

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

The IDF has decided not to reimpose its internal blockade upon Arab villages in Judea and Samaria, and to allow increased shipments of food and supplies from Israel as a measure to ease the pressure on the Palestinians.

Palestinians will still be barred from entering Israel, an official said.

The army lifted the internal closure early Friday, and was to have reimposed it that evening. But following consultations among senior security officers, it was decided that allowing travel between towns and villages would not endanger Israeli security so the closure was not reimposed.

The IDF, however, still maintained a closure on a five villages in Judea and Samaria, including Burka, Fawar, Kariyot, Dahariya and Rafat.

Over the weekend, OC Central Command Iban Biran discussed with Palestinian security officials and members of the Palestinian Authority new Israeli demands to crackdown on Hamas terrorism, the army said. These included fresh Israeli demands to capture the heads of terrorist groups, and serious actions against their organization and infrastructure.

The PA, represented by Minister of Local Government Affairs Saeh Erekat and Preventive Security Service head Jahrl Rajoub, took upon itself to take the necessary measures, the army said.

The meeting followed two weeks of intensive IDF sweeps in Judea and Samaria, which netted over 300 suspected Hamas activists. An army raid Friday captured five people in villages around Jenin suspected of belonging to or aiding hostile groups.

During raids early Friday, the army arrested five men suspected of belonging to or aiding hostile groups. The army also carried out raids in the village of Sabastiya and Sawarwah, but no arrests were made, the army said.

Israeli officials, meanwhile, said they planned to reopen the Karni crossing at 6 a.m. today under tight security checks.

Because of the increased checks, the number of trucks allowed to be processed is expected to be much lower than the 400 which used the crossing daily before it was shut last Monday. The army will also let Gazan workers into the Erez industrial zone.

In the coming week, the IDF will allow the export of goods from the Gaza Strip through the Ashdod port after security checks and with escort.

"Steps to ease the closure will not be taken as long as the security situation is not clear, and so long as we're not certain the Palestinian Authority has arrested the top leaders of Hamas," Internal Security Minister Moshe Shahal told Israel Radio.

JON IMMANUEL

PALESTINIAN Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat accused Iran of being behind the latest suicide bombings. "I have the right to ask, 'Who ordered the latest violent attacks?' Iran, Iran, ordered them," he said at a demonstration against the closure.

In an address to 500 people belonging to the pro-PA Islamic movement Al-Maseer, Arafat said the recent terror attacks against Israel were instigated by "Iran and some Arab countries, and are designed to make the Palestinian people despair."

He said if the peace process goes as planned, the Palestinians will go from "controlling 31 percent of the land [areas A and B] in the first stage to a second and third stage in six months time and six months after that, when we will be controlling all the West Bank. We have to protect this Palestinian dream."

Arafat appeared to backtrack from recent statements he made suggesting that Israeli extremists may have joined forces with Islamic extremists.

Referring to the responsibility of "external forces" for the attacks, he added: "I do not mean the Israeli government or Israeli people."

Arafat was sharply criticized by Prime Minister Shimon Peres for his previous public insinuations.

However, he told Germany's Der Spiegel magazine in an interview to be published tomorrow that he had proof that Israeli and Palestinian extremists were collaborating to torpedo the peace process with political violence.

"I can prove that Israeli and Palestinian conspirators are working together to wreck the peace process," he was quoted, according to Reuter.

Donor states will meet twice in Gaza this week to put together a \$40 million emergency employment-generating program so that Palestinians can weather what is expected to be a long closure, Terje Larsen, the UN envoy to the Palestinian Authority, said yesterday.

The joint liaison committee will meet on Tuesday, consisting of the US, Japan, Norway, the World Bank, Israel and the PA. On Thursday, representatives of 30 countries will meet.

"We will need to employ about 20,000 people at a minimum salary of \$12 a day [for about three months], about \$20 million, and another \$20 million for raw materials," Larsen said.

The issue of the closure will be addressed. "The situation is difficult right now, but not acute. However, in a very short time it will be very dramatic," Larsen said, estimating it at between two and three weeks.

Larsen met with Gaza trade (Continued on Page 2)

PM to Syria: Restrain Hizbullah

DAVID RUDGE

PRIME Minister Shimon Peres has asked the United States to relay a clear message to Syria to restrain Hizbullah following the recent wave of attacks by the organization, in which five IDF soldiers have been killed and 22 wounded.

Peres told reporters on Friday that in Israel's opinion Syria could have prevented some of the attacks and may be all of them.

"Our channel to Syria is via the US," Peres said. "We have stated things very clearly, and we have asked our friends the Americans to bring this to the attention of the Syrians."

He said Hizbullah had clearly made a supreme effort to disrupt the international anti-terror summit in Saam e-Sheikh, and to try to belittle its importance.

"We will draw all the conclusions from this, although I obviously won't go into any details. It [Hizbullah] is an organization with political intentions, not only operational ones," said Peres.

"We have decided that we won't dance according to their tune. We, ourselves, will decide the way to deal with this provocation on their part."

Peres spoke to reporters at a news conference with US Secretary of State Warren Christopher at the Defense Ministry in Tel Aviv.

Christopher, for his part, called attention to Iran's role in supporting terror organizations, including Hizbullah, Hamas and the Islamic Jihad.

"The evidence is clear that Iran continues to fund, train and provide political support for Hizbullah, the Islamic Jihad and Hamas - all the sworn enemies of peace," he said.

Over the weekend, IDF and South Lebanese Army troops remained on full alert along the border and inside the security zone, while residents of "confrontation line" towns and villages in the North closely followed developments.

Fighting was reported in several parts of the zone on Friday.

SLA troops on operational duties in the eastern sector discovered and safely neutralized a roadside bomb.

The soldiers came under mortar fire as they were dealing with the incident. Mortars were also fired at an SLA position in the western sector of the zone on Friday afternoon. There were no casualties in the incidents and IDF and SLA gunners returned fire.

There have been over 110 incidents in the zone since the beginning of the year, during which five IDF soldiers and four from the SLA have been killed. At least 20 terrorists have been killed in various incidents including seven in initiated IDF operations.

Military sources noted that there has been a marked escalation in Hizbullah attacks and attempts to carry out operations that would cause mass IDF casualties in the past few weeks.

These included the abortive car bomb at the end of January; the failed suicide hang glider attack at the end of February; and two roadside bomb attacks close to the border this month in which five soldiers were killed and 14 wounded.

The latest serious attack, a combined roadside bomb blast and ambush, occurred last Thursday. Eight Golani Brigade soldiers were wounded in that incident, in which Hizbullah is also believed to have suffered casualties.

Hizbullah has also stepped up its propaganda campaign and psychological war, particularly against the SLA and residents of the security zone.

Following Thursday's attack, Hizbullah issued a statement on its television station saying "the tables have turned. The hunter has become the hunted and the Islamic Resistance has proven it has the initiative on the ground."

Hizbullah leader Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah, in an interview with another Lebanese television station, maintained that IDF operations on the ground had been very limited since 1985, and even the 1993 Operation Accountability was conducted primarily by air strikes and artillery bombardments.

"We are the ones fighting on the ground, not them," said Nasrallah.

Uri Lubrani, the government's coordinator on Lebanon, said yesterday that there is only a political solution to terminating Israel's last war front in south Lebanon, and Israelis must grit their teeth.

"The end will only come through a political solution," Lubrani said in an interview on Israel Radio. "We cannot forget this. There is no military solution for it."

"There is a possibility to deal with the terror and Hizbullah activity for a certain amount of time, and I have no doubt that it will come. But, as the prime minister said, we will not dance to the tune of their flute. Instead we will do it when it is good and comfortable and beneficial for us."

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TA bomber apparently identified

JON IMMANUEL

THE family of a man missing from the Khan Yunis refugee camp say he was the suicide bomber who perpetrated the March 4 Dizengoff Center attack.

The bomber was identified as Ramez Obeid, 24, a member of Islamic Jihad, who disappeared from the camp March 2.

Islamic Jihad has not taken responsibility for the attack in any leaflet.

The family made the disclosure after giving a photograph to the Palestinian Police, who then forwarded it to the Israeli authorities.

From his photograph it would have been possible for the truck driver who brought him to Tel Aviv to identify him.

The family said Obeid had been arrested six times during the intifada as an Islamic Jihad activist.

Palestinian Police arrested 35 other Islamic Jihad activists over the weekend, including Abdullah Shami, its former spokesman who has not appeared in public recently. He was arrested after the January 1995 Beit Lid attack, and released three months later saying he wanted to work with the Palestinian Authority in a nonviolent way.

Arafat adviser: No date yet for PNC session

JON IMMANUEL

NO date has yet been set for convening the Palestinian National Council, and will not be set until all its members receive permits from Israel to attend, a senior adviser to Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat said yesterday.

Nabil Ahi Rudeineh was responding to reports that it may be held on April 20 or by the end of April. According to the Oslo 2 accord, it must be held before May 7, two months after the locally elected Palestinian Council convened, to cancel anti-Israel articles in the Palestinian Charter.

Information and Culture Minister Yasser Abed-Rabbo said yesterday that "the plan is to convene before the end of April," but he also said it depended on Israel's attitude on issues like the closure and release of prisoners.

The PLO executive committee met late last night to discuss the convening of the PNC, the Sharm e-Sheikh conference, the closure and the new Palestinian cabinet.

Alien sighters gather in UFO's world capital

GULF BREEZE, Florida (Reuter) - Alien beings, taunting earthlings with repeated overflights in saucers and other exotic space crafts, have chosen this wealthy seaside town at the tip of the Florida panhandle to provide clues of extraterrestrial life.

That's what top experts in unidentified flying objects say, prompting hundreds of believers to gather here this weekend for the fourth annual Gulf Breeze UFO Conference.

"It's the only place in the country or in the world that has these sightings repeatedly," said Walt Anderson, international director of the Mutual UFO Network.

The Seguin, Texas, based-group said there are several UFO sightings per week in what some dub the "UFO Capital of the World."

The excitement started in 1987, when dozens of UFO sightings were reported in and around Gulf Breeze.

Homebuilder Ed Walters became the best known of the local spotters of life from the beyond after he went public in 1987 with photographs he claimed to have taken of UFOs.

During a six-month period he reported 20 sightings and took 39 photographs. At one point, he said he blacked out for about an hour after feeling the presence of a UFO, an experience he described in his book "The Gulf Breeze Sightings".

Naturally, skeptics abound.

A local newspaper investigated Walters' reports and found a model UFO made of paper plates and some drafting paper in an attic at his former home. Some said the findings proved Walters had faked his sightings, but he said he was framed by skeptics.

These sightings are just one of many topics at the three-day conference, where 500 people from 32 states are comparing sightings and photographs of life from beyond our solar system.

All this UFO talk seems to embarrass some local residents, and Mayor Lane Gilchrist says there may be a logical explanation for all the sightings.

He said there are five military airfields nearby, as well as the Pensacola Regional Airport about five km away, which could account for why so many lights appear in the night skies around Gulf Breeze.

February CPI rises by unexpectedly high 0.9%

Jerusalem Post Staff

THE cost-of-living index rose by 0.9 percent in February, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported Friday.

Over the last six months, the COL rose by 6%, or 12% in annual terms, well over 1995's 5.1%.

Speaking to the Tel Aviv Commercial Club on Friday, Manufacturing Association President Dan Propper said the government had "sinned" when it raised public sector wages two years ago, while the Bank of Israel miscalculated the impact of its tight monetary policies which failed to stem consumer demand and only made life harder for exporters.

Propper estimated that the trade deficit, which already registered a record \$10 billion last year, will further balloon this year and ultimately hit the \$12 billion mark.

The COL Index's monthly increase reflects price appreciation in most consumption categories, particularly housing and food, which were not offset by declines in the prices of fruit, vegetables, clothing and footwear.

Housing loomed as the single category where prices registered the steepest hike last month, 1.9%, particularly due to an increase in the prices of private apartments.

Housing prices rose despite the dollar's depreciation and a decline in the prices of construction materials.

However, real estate surveys published earlier this week indicated that after some six years of vigorous growth, the housing market may be bracing for a slowdown.

Food prices rose last month by 1.8%, thanks largely to the increase in the price of flour and fowl by 4.8% each.

Clothing and footwear prices plummeted 2.9%, and the CBS forecast a further decline in their prices throughout March, due to end-of-season sales.

Meanwhile, Histadrut Chairman MK Amir Peretz said Friday that the COL increase was larger than expected, and should serve as a warning to the government not to become complacent, and to reconsider its interest policy.

He said the sharp rise in housing prices was affecting young couples, and the government should examine the attractiveness of mortgages.

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NATO's Secretary-General Javier Solana and US Commander Gen. George Joulwan (left) talk with Russian troops over the weekend after a meeting in IFOR headquarters in Bijeljina in eastern Bosnia. (Reuters)

Grenades hurled at firemen in Serb-held Sarajevo

SARAJEVO (Reuters) - Hand grenades were thrown at Muslim-Croat Federation firefighters battling a blaze in the last Serb-held district of Sarajevo, NATO said yesterday. The attack raised doubts whether non-Serb firemen would continue fighting blazes started by Serb arsonists in Grahovica. Most Serbs have already left the district which, under the Dayton peace agreement, is scheduled to come under Muslim-Croat federation control on Tuesday. Fleeing Serbs have looted or burned property and Muslim gangs have baited the few Serbs who stayed behind. The violence and hatred mock the hope that reunited Sarajevo would be a multi-ethnic city. The Muslim-led government drew criticism from UN officials for failing to stop gangs looting and terrorising Sarajevo Serbs. UN spokesman Alexander Ivanko said that in Lidza, which was handed over to government control this week, police of the Muslim-Croat Federation appeared "indifferent" to chaos and to preserving law and order. "Two federation policemen were seen laughing and encouraging Muslims when they were

verbally insulting Serbs and trying to force them to leave their houses," he added. "The United Nations is concerned and even puzzled by the attitude of the federation authorities towards preserving a multi-ethnic society in Bosnia. "We hear numerous statements advocating a multi-ethnic Bosnia but when it comes to reality, flood-gates are opened and gangs are allowed to terrorize people with impunity as has happened in Lidza in the last 72 hours." Ivanko said most of the remaining 10,000 Serbs in the five suburbs, who had braved threats from Serb separatists to stay on in the first place, now wanted to leave. Sarajevo's former Olympic village of Dobrinja has become another potential flash-point as Muslims and Serbs anxiously await a decision by Tuesday on a disputed boundary line which will determine who lives where. The pencil line drawn on a map at Dayton ended up being 50 meters thick on the ground and bisected several large buildings hundreds of feet north of the street now serving as de facto boundary between Muslims and Serbs. US Secretary of State Warren Christopher

has summoned the presidents of Serbia, Croatia and Bosnia, and mediators from the major powers, to Geneva tomorrow to keep the peace process on course. Russian diplomatic sources said however that Russia would not attend, the Kremlin seeing little point less than a week before foreign ministers of Russia, the United States, Britain, France and Germany meet counterparts from the three Balkan states in Moscow. Bosnian Prime Minister Muratovic told a conference of potential donor nations in Sarajevo yesterday war destruction to Bosnia amounted to more than \$80 billion and the country would need \$16 billion for the "most essential needs." Potential donor countries meeting in Turkey Friday offered little more than \$100 million to bring Bosnia's Muslim-Croat forces up to the standard of the Bosnian Serbs, well short of the \$1 billion the Bosnian government says it needs. Most of the money promised came from the United States. No European Union country made any immediate pledge, the diplomats said.

Bahrain arrests arsonists amid more unrest

MANAMA (Reuters) - Bahrain, smallest of the GCC states, has been gripped by political unrest since December 1994. But in recent weeks, violence has intensified. A Bangladesh embassy spokesman said yesterday the victims of a blaze at a restaurant in the small island of Sitra have all been identified as Bangladeshi workers. He named them as Mohammed Delwar, Mohammad Manjur, Zulfikar Ali, Mainuddin (one name), Alamgir Hossain, Sharbat (one name) and Mohammad Shuruj Mia. He said they had been working in various sectors in Bahrain. Residents said yesterday fire destroyed a sports club and riot police used teargas to disperse anti-government protests on Friday night in what appeared to be an escalation of violence in Bahrain. They also said riot police sealed the area near a girl's school in Hamad Town, 11 miles southwest of Manama yesterday, after a fire there. They gave no details. Friday night firefighters battled flames which gutted the A'ali Sports Club in the Shi'ite village of A'ali, 15 km south of Manama. Riot police fired teargas at protesters and sealed off three

Shi'ite-dominated villages Jidhafs, Sanabis and Daib - for the second night and closed the main road linking the villages with Manama. Protests broke out in the area on Thursday, two days after Taher Sameeh, a suspected bank bomber, was buried. Officials said Sameeh was killed instantly when a bomb he was planting at a bank this month went off. Two men were injured, one seriously. Preachers at mosques during Friday prayers condemned the murder of the seven and said such acts of terrorism violated the teachings of Islam and threatened the lives of innocent people. They called for measures to stamp out such acts. "Terrorist acts could not be linked to political work. Terrorism is terrorism and politics is politics," Information Minister Mohammad Ibrahim al-Mutawae told al-Ayam newspaper. He said security had been stepped up in several areas to prevent the repetition of violence. He gave no details. Around 200,000 foreigners live in Bahrain, the Gulf's main financial centre, mainly unskilled workers from the Indian sub-continent. They represent more than one third of Bahrain's 550,000 population.

Holland's Fokker collapses after 77 years, 5,600 to lose jobs

THE Dutch nation yesterday mourned the loss of 77 years of aviation expertise after the collapse of pioneering aircraft maker Fokker NV left 5,600 workers facing a bleak future in the jobless queue. "The pain is huge," was the simple headline in the *Algemeen Dagblad* newspaper. "Not just for the workers, shareholders and creditors. No company has held the public attention over the past 10 years as much as Fokker," it said in an editorial. The regional jet maker, whose founder supplied tri-planes to German World War I fighters, was forced into bankruptcy after losing a desperate struggle to find a buyer. "Fokker spoke to the imagination, it made a nation proud," the *Dagblad* said. "Because a country that builds its own airplanes, has something unassailable over 5,600 workers received redundancy packages yesterday, the country's largest corporate mass redundancy since World War II, ending weeks of uncer-

some of them and persuade others to take voluntary early retirement. Shorts also will negotiate with the British government to try to place some of the workers into retraining programs that would prepare them for future contracts it has in the works. Fokker had pinned its hopes on an eleventh hour bid from South Korea's Samsung, keen to plunder the Dutch firm's technical expertise, but the Asian company failed to come up with an offer before Fokker's credit line expired. The *Dagblad* said any rescue by an Asian savior "would simply have been a stay of execution... as by the turn of the century production would have been transferred to the Far East." *Volkscrant* newspaper called Fokker's demise a "low point in Dutch social history." "Fokker is not just a social drama, but an industrial tragedy for the Netherlands. There is no denying that an economy is better off with some kind of high calibre industry than without," it said.

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Woman killed best friend to get baby

TUSCALOOSA, Alabama (AP) - A woman has been charged with murder for allegedly shooting her pregnant best friend in the head and stealing her newborn daughter from her womb. Felicia Scott, 29, was jailed without bail yesterday. The infant, who is about 6 weeks old, was doing well and was in state custody, said

Tom Lowe, chief of the sheriff's department homicide division. "The (mother's) body had been cut in the abdominal area, I am told, sufficiently to have removed an infant," said District Attorney Charles Freeman. Ms. Scott is accused of killing Caretha Curry after taking her out for pizza Jan. 31. Ms. Curry

was nearly nine months pregnant. Ms. Scott allegedly turned up with the woman's newborn daughter a week later at her father's home in Norcross, Georgia. She was arrested Feb. 7 and charged with custody interference, a felony, for failing to return the 17-year-old Ms. Curry to her home in Tuscaloosa. Murder charges were filed after Ms. Curry's body was found at the foot of a ravine near Birmingham, suffled in a plastic garbage can. She had been shot repeatedly in the head. Lowe said Ms. Scott had always been a suspect but that the investigation had been at a standstill until the body was found.

Gerry Adams, to march in St. Pat's parade

NEW YORK (AP) - Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams strode across Fifth Avenue's green center stripe and into St. Patrick's Cathedral yesterday for the Mass that traditionally precedes the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Adams, no stranger to controversy, planned to march later. Sinn Fein is the legal political party allied with Ireland's outlawed Irish Republican Army. Protests by the Irish Lesbian and Gay Organization, barred by a federal judge from getting a permit for a pre-parade protest march, also promised to liven the annual event. Members and supporters vowed to march about an hour before the parade, and to stage peaceful protests along the route.

New outlook with narrowed presidential field

NOW that a Clinton-Dole showdown seems inevitable, state-by-state primary elections are losing their lustre, but not their importance to a Republican party seeking unity for November. Picking up convention delegates in primaries and by other means could still be vital for both presumptive Republican nominee, Bob Dole, and the fiery Pat Buchanan, his lone challenger. Dole needs to draw the party together. Buchanan, who has left the door open for a third-party run if Republicans reject his views, needs support to push his anti-trade, anti-foreign aid, anti-abortion agenda and other issues on the Republican convention. Dole's home state, Kansas, canceled its April primary to save \$1.4 million on balloting that Dole and Clinton were sure to win. But several other states have yet to vote, including four on Tuesday - Illinois, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin - and the biggest of all,

majority is reached, and even a loss can add delegates, at least in states that do not have winner-take-all rules. Candidate selection in the major US political parties is a complex, erratic, myth-filled and sometimes mysterious process. Dole lost the first primary in New Hampshire, his third loss there in three tries for the presidency, but went on to shatter the myth that as New Hampshire goes, so goes the nation. He next won 17 straight primaries. The actual nomination of candidates does not take place in New Hampshire or any other state, but at the conventions - Aug. 12-15 for the Republicans and Aug. 26-29 in Chicago for the Democrats. Candidates, however, usually have the nomination locked up even before the convention starts. Dole is on his way in doing that with 741 of the 996 delegates he needs. The Democratic convention has more voting delegates, so Clinton needed more to win. Each state and party has its own rules for picking delegates. Some hold primaries where the voters either pick presidential candidates directly or vote for delegates pledged to them. Others hold party caucuses, or meetings, where delegates pledged to various candidates are selected. Some delegates are picked by party leaders or in state party conventions. Each delegate could be important to Buchanan if he intends to stay in the party and sway the convention - and the nominee - to adopt his ultra-conservative views. Forbes, who will be a delegate, might use his newly-gained influence and his handful of delegates to push his flat income tax. Under Republican convention rules, the platform committee, with two members chosen by each state delegation, makes its decisions with a simple majority vote. To force an issue to a convention vote, a dissenter would need majorities in the delegations of six states, one to propose the change and five more to second it. (AP)

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Cuba's spin

Improving the image of the country and its leader

BY CHARLES LANE

Since 1981, when he left his job as chief of the United States interests section in Havana, Wayne Smith has been the dean of Fidel Castro's American apologists. In the latest *Foreign Affairs*, Smith once again puts the most benign possible spin on the Caribbean country, depicting Cuba as a nation marching gradually to "social democracy," under the guidance of none other than Fidel Castro. Castro's regime is not a one-man dictatorship, as it may appear, rather, like the Franco regime in Spain, the Fidel period is a necessary prelude to the greater freedom for which Cuba is still not quite ready.

Refutation of this interesting thesis was not long in coming. A few days after Smith's piece appeared, Cuban police rounded up the leaders of *Concilio Cubano*, a pro-democracy organization, and Cuban jets shot down two Cuban-American planes. Even Smith was at a loss to rationalize Castro's behavior. "It's silly," he told *The New York Times*. "These groups don't provide any threat, and Cuba could improve its image internationally by taking it easy on them."

In conventional political terms, Castro's actions are indeed "counter-productive." He may well have cost himself a crucial trade deal with the European Union, and a year-long thaw with the U.S. is now over. The Clinton administration reacted to his shoot-down of the unarmed planes by backing the Helms-Burton bill tightening the U.S. trade embargo. Of course, Fidel anticipated this, which suggests he conceives of his political interests a bit differently from the way Smith imagines. Castro is not interested in better relations with Washington or a healthy economy for his people. He wants to stay in power forever. Given his government's lack of legitimacy and the widespread hardship on the island, he feels threatened by any stirring of organized opposition. As for his "international image," with the help of apologists abroad, he has always managed to blame America first.

The failure of Wayne Smith to grasp these basic truths about Castro is, alas, symptomatic of a broader failure of the American liberal imagination when it comes to Castro. Every other Communist dictator in history may have run his country into the ground and was hated, albeit through clenched teeth, by his people. But for some reason, Fidel alone is the popular, charismatic leader of a "revo-

lution" built on free health and education. The welfare states of Sweden and France are in fiscal straits. But sugar-producing Cuba will someday consolidate a "social democracy."

The latest liberal illusion concerning Cuba is the liberating power of capitalism. Lift the embargo and democracy will trickle in along with Big Macs and MTV. This is ironic. In the '60s and '70s, it was conservatives who argued that economic reform and growth would have to precede an inevitably long, slow change to democratic rule in Latin countries ruled by right-wing dictators. Meantime, they argued, "constructive engagement" was the most effective U.S. policy. For their part, liberals called U.S. multinationals accomplices to right-wing rule, who brought only an exploitative brand of free enterprise, along with money and political legitimacy for the dictators.

Now the roles have reversed. Miami Cubans cry that foreign business is shoring up Castro. And in January, Joe Moakley, the Democratic congressman whose legislation cutting off aid to El Salvador helped bring that country's army to heel, escorted executives from Massachusetts to Havana for a tour of post-embargo opportunities.

The logic of "constructive engagement" is not inherently wrong, either in Pinochet's Chile or in Cuba today. Rather, the latest crisis proves that Castro is in position to head off whatever democratizing effects trade, investment and "contact" may have. The European and Canadian investment that Castro has allowed, coupled with his grudging decision to allow peasant markets and free use of the dollar, did, indeed, begin to undermine his system of political control. At the same time, it fortified his regime with money. Long before the former effect could outstrip the latter, Castro provoked the U.S. to tighten the embargo.

Yes, Cuban exiles in Miami are Fidel's perfect foils. Yes, the Helms-Burton bill will create all sorts of legal and diplomatic headaches for America itself. And yes, if we were starting Cuba policy from scratch today, we probably wouldn't impose an embargo. But the embargo remains our only leverage, and our only symbolic protest of Castro's dictatorship. The real reason that a strategy of engagement can't democratize Cuba is that Fidel will never allow it.

Castro also knows that the endless debate over U.S.-Cuban "relations" helps obscure the only question about Cuba that really matters. Why on earth does Castro refuse to hold a free

national election? The constructive engagers tend to get flustered when the question is posed this starkly. Unless you are prepared to argue either (a) that there already is enough political freedom in Cuba or (b) that "U.S. hostility" somehow necessitates one-man rule, there really is no answer.

In Smith's case, the apologia for Castro is the same as that once offered by conservatives for Pinochet and Somoza: only he can guarantee order. "Castro's departure or ouster is unlikely to occur soon, and it is probably undesirable," Smith writes in *Foreign Affairs*. "He is the only political figure with the authority to order reforms and make them stick, and he is the only one who can prevent the various political factions from plunging the country into a bloodbath."

Après Fidel, le déluge. But where is the evidence that Fidel's "reforms" are either irreversible or well-conceived? And how could "factions" whom Smith describes as small and insignificant trigger a bloodbath? Then Smith asks: "Elections are well and good, but who would run against (Castro)?" Smith should look in the political prisons. "The Cuban people see no one in the wings," he writes, "and thus their understandable reaction is to stick with Castro" — Smith knows this from "hundreds of interviews and conversations with Cubans." Most of the people on the island I've talked to are sick of their country's plight and blame it on the man in charge. Smith seems not to realize that people in unfree societies conceal their real opinions from outsiders they perceive as friendly to the authorities. Pollsters in Nicaragua found a huge Sandinista majority until the day before Violeta Chamorro won the 1990 election.

But there has never been a free election, or even a legitimate opinion poll, in Cuba, so neither Smith nor I can really be sure. Perhaps if U.S. policy avoided either tightening or relaxing the embargo in favor of a simple, straight diplomatic campaign for free elections — now — we would someday get to find out who's right. If Fidel loses, the drafting of a truthful history of his misrule can at last begin, with a chapter reserved for the supporting role played by foreign intellectuals.

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Dole grasps new political realities

BY ROBERT NOVAK

How did Sen. Bob Dole, at death's door two weeks earlier and still in bad shape a week before, win eight out of eight Junior primary elections and all but clinch his nomination for president?

The question is especially tantalizing because Dole during those crucial two weeks did not improve as a campaigner. He showed flashes of bad temper, could not cope with the issue of abortion and effectively wrote off tax reform. His statement in New York last week that Steve Forbes' flat tax would prevent a balanced budget led supply-sider Jack Kemp to make his unexpected endorsement of Forbes when all other Republicans were madly rushing to board the departing Dole bandwagon.

DOLE, INC.

The answer to Dole's recovery was supplied to me by one adviser: "Dole Inc." That is the entire Republican Party, plus allied corporate moguls, Washington lawyers and lobbyists, uniting in righteous indignation to repel outsiders — and reform. The Grand Old Party, which like the British Tories has many of the characteristics of a private club, controlled its own nomination. Whether Dole Inc. can effectively challenge President Clinton is another matter.

Mobilizing a non-reform party against Clinton now becomes the Republican task.

The front-loading of primaries saved Dole. His first impressive win, in South Carolina last week, mobilized Dole Inc. for the wholesale politics. Heavy New Hampshire voting after intensive campaigning contrasted with this week's light turnout after virtually no campaigning at all. Dole comes over strongest when not forced into individual combat with his foes — as he will be with Clinton.

Changes made by Dole after New Hampshire Feb. 20 are more apparent than real. Longtime counselor William Lacey was bounced as chief strategist, according to campaign sources, because he emphasized "leadership" and "experience" in a content-free candidacy. But at his victory celebration, the senator intuitively returned to that theme: "We've found the leader to bring the Republican Party together."

Although Dole's tendency to lash out at critics was effectively contained, there were lapses. He could not stop himself from snapping at a valuable ally, the Christian Coalition's Ralph Reed, for publicly urging him not to call Pat Buchanan an extremist. He could not stop himself from venting his rage over Forbes' self-financed campaign. By and large, however, Dole relied on television, radio and telephone calls to pummel first Forbes and then Buchanan.

LIMITATIONS

Candidate Dole's limitations were most obvious in dealing with abortion. Despite 25 years of experience, he could not explain in the South Carolina debate exactly where he stands.

That was no fluke, as shown by his explanation three days later on ABC's "This Week With David Brinkley." Asked why he now supports abortion in the case of rape and incest if he feels the fetus is a life, he replied: "That's true. But I think there are — as true as that may be, there are still political realities, and I think Henry Hyde has an exemplary record when it comes to abortion. It's the so-called Hyde amendment. I think in my early days I supported only the exception of the mother. But I think from the political standpoint some people in the right-to-life movement and others don't agree with the exceptions."

Dole seems equally unaware of what he is saying about tax reform. He had been advised not to attack the flat tax — only the Forbes version. But in New York last week, Dole added state income taxes — along with home mortgages and charitable contributions — as an acceptable deduction in any reform. Surely, the former chairman of the Senate Finance Committee knows that is a stake through the heart of a flat tax.

Herein lie the limitations of Dole Inc. The professional politicians and their lobbyist auxiliaries would like abortion to go away and are allergic to radical revision of the Internal Revenue Code. Mobilizing a non-reform party against Clinton now becomes the Republican task.

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G.B. TRUDEAU

IT'S NOT FAIR—I HAD MY DRESS!

HAVE MY COSTUME REVEALED ENOUGH?

STILL WORRIED OVER THE OCCASION, BRIDE?

I MEAN IT'S NOT THE DRESS, I FLUNG MYSELF INTO THE WATER. I NEVER GET MY ATTENTION BACK TO SET IT!

THEY SURELY ALONG WITH THESE WEDDING GUESTS, I'VE BEEN NOMINATED FOR THE BEST DRESS!

BUT NOW, JUST WHEN I'VE BEEN HERE FOR THE WEDDING, I'M TOO OLD TO PLAY THE PART!

THE ONLY ROLE I GET OFFERED IS... NOW I AM... MEAN!

WHAT'S GOING ON WITH YOU AND THIS DRESS?

HOW ARE YOU FEELING, BRIDE?

ALL I GET FROM YOU IS...

PEANUTS

OKAY, TROOPS, HERE'S WHERE WE'LL SPEND THE NIGHT.

I'LL GO OFF AND GATHER SOME FIREWOOD WHILE YOU PREPARE THE CAMP.

WE'RE GOING TO BE HERE FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS SO MAKE IT A HAPPY PLACE.

HEY DAD, REMEMBER OUR CAR?

HOBBES, I HAVE A CONJECTURAL MORAL QUESTION. MIGHT YOU CAN HELP.

SURE.

SUPPOSE I DID SOMETHING BAD. SHOULD I TELL DAD?

HOW BAD WOULD HE BE SUPPOSING?

WELL, HYPOTHETICALLY, LET'S SAY PRETTY BAD LIKE TO HIS CAR, HYPOTHETICALLY.

HOW BAD, HYPOTHETICALLY, TO HIS CAR?

WELL, LET'S PRETEND IT WAS REAL BAD.

IF WE IMAGINED HE COULD FIND THE CAR, WE COULD PRETEND IT MIGHT BE FIXED.

I SEE.

YOU CAN KEEP THE BOOK, I'LL CALL THE BUS STATION.

WELL, PAPA, SENIORITY IS AN EL RIGHTNO!

Strip

By Jeff McElroy

WHERE DO YOU WANT TO PARK IT?

IN THE SMOKING SECTION.

SOME STATES DON'T HAVE SPEED LIMITS ANYMORE.

THEY SAY YOU CAN GO 120 MPH IN MONTANA LEGALLY!

THINK THE DEPTO COULD DO IT?

SURE.

JUST HEAD WEST ON THE BYPASS AND FLOOR IT.

IF YOU CAN GO DOWNHILL THROUGH SOUTH DAKOTA.

YOU'LL HIT A HAZARD BY THE TIME YOU GET TO MONTANA.

Calvin and Hobbes

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WHAT DOES PROCRASTINATION MEAN, DAD?

I'VE BEEN GOING TO LOOK THAT UP FOR YEARS...

SORRY I'M LATE.

PREHISTORIC PROCRASTINATION SOCIETY.

THAT'S OKAY WE HAVEN'T STARTED YET.

I JUST GOT MY INVITATION LAST WEEK.

THAT'S STRANGE. I HAVEN'T SENT THEM OUT YET.

PREHISTORIC PROCRASTINATION SOCIETY.

OK, WHO HAS THE MINUTES OF OUR LAST MEETING?

NOBODY. THIS IS OUR LAST MEETING.

HEY, A NEW NEWSLETTER!

THAT'S LAST YEAR.

I KNEW THAT. WHO'S THE LITTLE GIRL IN THE LOGO?

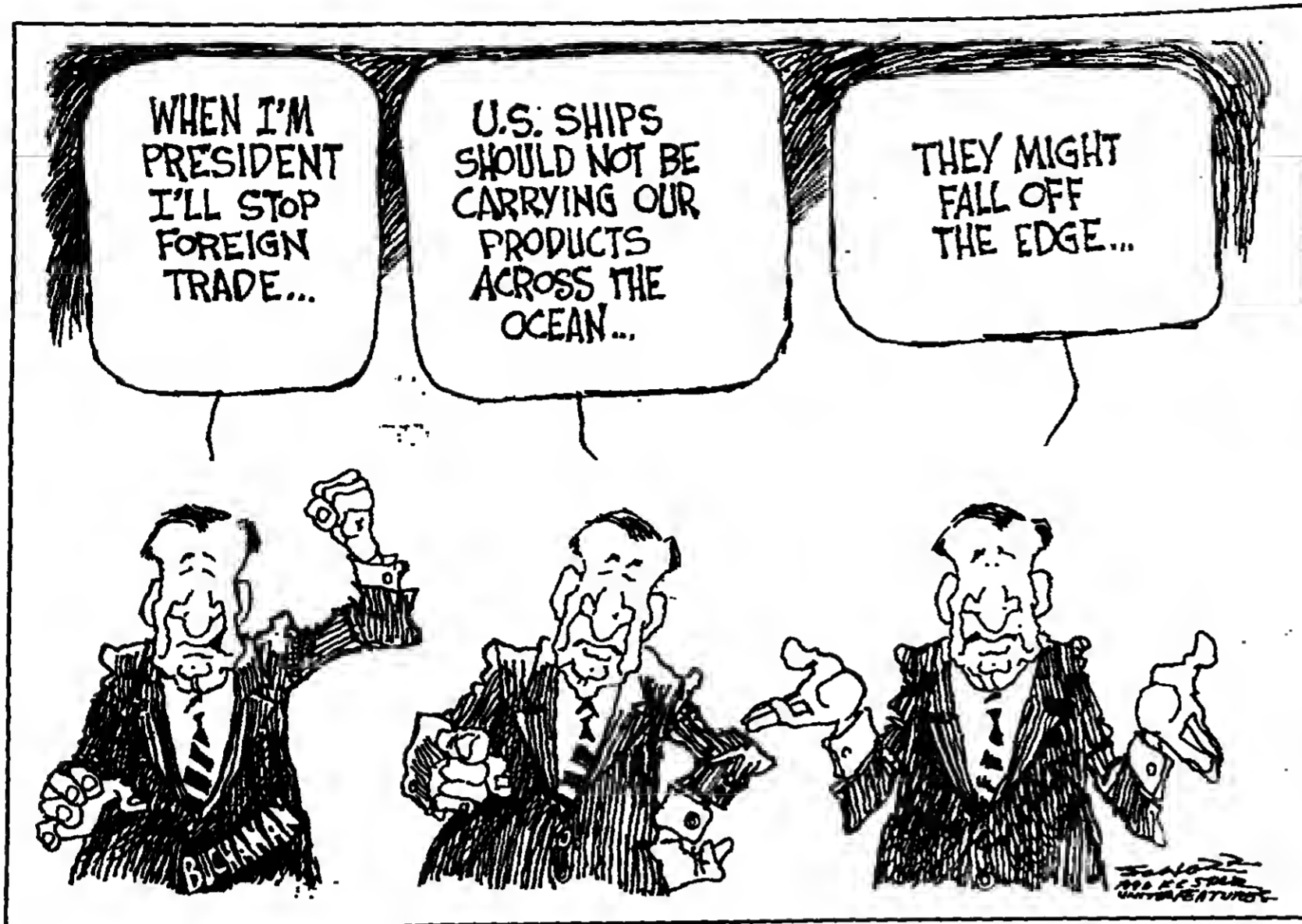
LITTLE ORPHAN ANNIE.

HOW DOES SHE TIE IN WITH PROCRASTINATION?

TOMORROW... TOMORROW

TODAY'S SUNDAY PUZZLE

- ACROSS**
- 1 He hit 61 in '81
 - 6 Mrs. Gorbachev
 - 11 Greek island
 - 16 Low to the ground
 - 21 Florida city
 - 22 Disruptive
 - 23 Vote into office
 - 24 Handbag
 - 25 African country
 - 26 California-Nevada and area
 - 28 Hood or Williams
 - 29 Greek letter
 - 30 Milk farm
 - 32 "— Miserables"
 - 33 Name in Chicago politics
 - 35 Fruity drink
 - 36 Spanish artist
 - 38 Obese
 - 39 Long-legged bird
 - 41 Pecan or cashew
 - 42 Bill hero
 - 43 Kin of etc.
 - 45 W-faced liner
 - 47 Without
 - 49 — Bible
 - 52 Whistling bird
 - 53 Ingest
 - 55 Foursome
 - 59 Attenuated
 - 60 Civil wrong
 - 61 Bit of strategy
 - 64 As — usually
 - 65 French river
 - 66 Canadian tribe
 - 67 Quote
 - 68 Operated
 - 70 Stage award
 - 71 Cal. abbr.
 - 72 Praise
 - 73 Converse
 - 74 Article
 - 76 Tavern
 - 77 Man or monkey
 - 79 Glass container
 - 80 Roman poet
 - 82 Brie or cheddar
 - 84 Roof overhang
 - 85 Pasta type
- DOWN**
- 1 Biblical leader
 - 2 Critical
 - 3 Detection device
 - 4 Dock union
 - 5 Houselias contents
 - 6 Type of tree
 - 7 Watchful
 - 8 "Now — me down to sleep"
 - 9 Drunkard
 - 10 Sporty one
 - 11 Add spices
 - 12 Total
 - 13 Blend
 - 14 Large expense
 - 15 Stencil marker
 - 16 Like a gymnast
 - 17 Quad pro —
 - 18 Of a city
 - 19 Actor's lines for the audience only
 - 20 Doctrine
 - 27 Actress Miles
 - 31 From a distance
 - 34 Coup d'—
 - 37 Conical dwelling
 - 39 Suggestion
 - 40 Sibling's daughter
 - 42 Houston player
 - 43 Darwin or Turner
 - 45 Biblical weed
 - 46 Feline
 - 48 Teachers' org.
 - 49 Type of jazz dance
 - 50 Mistle
 - 51 "See Haw" regular
 - 52 Like many dorms
 - 54 Harsh speech
 - 56 Give a routine approval
 - 57 Assumed identity
 - 58 Plow inventor
 - 60 Accurate
 - 61 Spanish aunt
 - 62 Lawyer
 - 63 Coward's nickname
 - 64 Supplied food for the party
 - 67 Name
- ACROSS**
- 68 Type of family
 - 72 Tennis pro Rod —
 - 73 Roman statesman
 - 74 Money drawer
 - 75 Cut (verb)
 - 76 Atlas page
 - 79 Hex
 - 81 Concited
 - 83 Always, to a point
 - 85 Fantastic
 - 88 Luxurious
 - 89 Weird
 - 92 Type of naming
 - 93 Eagle's nest
 - 94 Midwest country
 - 97 Moon vehicle
 - 98 Compass pt.
 - 100 Closed
 - 103 Large-eyed mammal
 - 105 Restaurant patron
 - 106 Arabian
 - 107 Carved on
 - 108 Mesh fabric
 - 111 — Alamos, N.M.
 - 112 Prophet
 - 113 Decipher
 - 115 Story
 - 117 Plug
 - 118 Corn bread
 - 120 Gravel's sibling
 - 122 Sweet-sounding
 - 123 Kasin nurse
 - 124 Grand —
 - 126 The Devil
 - 126 Excuse
 - 127 Moustachey head
 - 129 Sky crane
 - 131 Montana city
 - 133 Starcase part
 - 134 Sphere of conflict
 - 135 Olympics prize
 - 137 "— Rabbit"
 - 138 Farewell, to a Londoner
 - 140 Share
 - 141 Paper quantity
 - 144 Night before
 - 145 Thing in law
 - 147 "Exodus" hero
 - 149 In the past



Negative political ads draw voters to polls

BY STEPHEN GLASS

One thing Bob Dole knows how to do: blame people. After his poor showing in New Hampshire and Delaware, he lambasted rosy internal polls and his campaign's reliance on negative ads. So he fired his chief pollsters, Bill McInturff and Neil Newhouse, and pushed out deputy campaign chairman William Lacy. He was determined, he implied, to turn positive and avoid polling errors in the future. Strange. The polls McInturff and Newhouse had provided — 26 percent in New Hampshire (one point off) and 27 percent in Delaware (dead-on) — were models of professional accuracy. Stranger still, the replacements Dole has hired are far more negative than their predecessors. In fact, the new guys — Tony Fabrizio, Fred Steeper and Don Sipple — are widely acknowledged by political professionals to be the hardest and nastiest right-wing operatives around.

STRATEGY

What the appointments suggest is that the key to Dole's post-Georgia campaign won't be a "new Bob Dole," or a fight for the "heart and soul" of the Republican Party, but a brutal lunge for the rhetoric and constituency of the Buchananites. Dole's new chief pollster, Fabrizio, worked for Buchanan in 1992. Dole's new adviser Fred Steeper has argued that isolationism is the only foreign policy that can win elections. And Dole's new chief strategist, Don Sipple, is arguably the GOP's meanest attack wizard.

Fabrizio is probably the best known of the three. After studying under New York GOP pollster Al Finkelstein, he formed his own ultra-conservative firm, whose clients included the Christian Coalition and — to the annoyance of the Republican Party — firebrands who challenged moderate GOP incumbents. Fabrizio's supplanting of McInturff and Newhouse was the latest twist in a long rivalry. In 1992, Fabrizio and three other pollsters challenged McInturff and Newhouse's post-election survey, which warned that Bush lost because many voters viewed the GOP as narrow-minded. Fabrizio argued, in contrast, that the Republicans had gotten away from their conservative roots and in future elections needed to press hard on character issues. One example of what Bush should have done, Fabrizio argued in Harper's magazine, was run a watch size of

numbers 1-900-gennifer line. When callers dialed, Fabrizio suggested, they could "press 1 to hear Clinton talking to Jennifer Flowers; press 2 to hear Clinton flip-flop on the draft...."

Sound distasteful? Not to Fabrizio, who in 1988 dreamed up the famous Willie Horton ad and shielded the Bush campaign by producing it through an independent group called Americans for Bush. While Dole has said he is pulling all his own attack ads, he has revealingly refused to say he'll stop independent ads on his behalf.

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Dole claims that negative ads have debased this spring's GOP primaries, but Fabrizio disagrees. "Negative ads are the most informative ads we see on TV," he told political strategists at a 1992 training seminar. His most fervent co-believer is Dole's new media strategist, Don Sipple, also a master of the Horton genre.

In a crime spot for Illinois Gov. Jim Edgar, Sipple used grainy images and an ominous voice-over: "Crime in Illinois: more random, more violent. Criminals younger and younger." In an ad for Governor Pete Wilson, illegal immigrants were shown sprinting across the border while Wagnerian music played. Sipple's philosophy is that negative ads draw a candidate's constituency to the polls. "Running on your record doesn't get you very far," he told The Dallas Morning News shortly after the 1994 election. "People don't think the past is particularly relevant. Their concern is about the future." So much for the candidate of experience.

POLICY

The third new Dole hire, Fred Steeper, will advise the campaign on policy. If Fabrizio

and Sipple are likely to intensify the negativity, Steeper will try to coopt Buchananism. On affirmative action, Steeper says candidates should tap into voter anger about quotas. On foreign policy he says the public favors an America-first attitude. On free trade, Steeper told The Christian Science Monitor in 1991, candidates can't win on any platform except protectionism: "There is no political base for free trade. Only college-educated people understand the benefits." And Steeper specializes in the electoral advantages of scapegoating homosexuals. He makes a distinction between race-baiting appeals and gay-baiting ones: "Deep down, even those against rights for blacks believed the discrimination was wrong, and most felt guilty about it," he told The Washington Post. "For the 45 percent opposed to the homosexual lifestyle, deep down they think they are morally right."

So much for a kinder, gentler Bob Dole. More likely is a fall strategy that goes full-throttle after the president's character. Steeper and Sipple both described Bush's failure to go after Clinton's character as a central weakness in his campaign. "They have to throw darts at one bull's eye," Sipple explained in The New York Times just weeks before the election. "It has to be Clinton's credibility. I would deal with it very explicitly. Just frame it there at the top of the commercial: How much can we really trust Bill Clinton?" But, with friends like these, how much can we really trust Bob Dole?

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How widespread is police 'testilying'?

BY ALAN DERSHOWITZ

One of the most experienced police experts in the United States has now joined the debate over police testilying. Joseph McNamara — the former police chief of San Jose and Kansas City, who had previously worked as a beat cop in New York for many years — recently said that he had "come to believe that hundreds of thousands of law enforcement officers commit felony perjury every year testifying about drug arrests." If you add to that the testiliars in non-drug cases, the numbers skyrocket even further.

As Chief McNamara explains, these testiliars are otherwise "law-abiding and dedicated" cops, not bribe takers or excessive force users. They don't feel lying under oath is wrong because politicians tell them they are engaged in a "holy war" fighting evil. Then, too, the "enemy" these mostly white cops are testifying against are poor blacks and Latinos.

The Police Commissioner of New York, William F. Bratton — also an experienced big city cop — agrees that "testilying" is a "real problem that needs to be addressed." But he places the responsibility more at the feet of prosecutors than politicians:

"When a prosecutor is really determined to win, the trial prep procedure may skirt along the edge of coercing or leading the police witness. In this way, some impressionable young cops learn to tailor their testimony to the requirements of the law."

At a conference sponsored by the Criminal Justice Institute of Harvard, Commissioner Bratton — who went to New York City after heading the Boston Police Department — said that police and prosecutors cannot address the problem of testilying "by ignoring it."

Wherever the blame lies, the problem is a real one and everyone in the criminal justice system knows it, though few are courageous enough to admit it. As McNamara puts it: "The federal government reports that more than 1.3 million drug arrests were made in 1994, 480,000 of which involved marijuana.... Many of the arrests for selling are made without search warrants and almost all the possession arrests are without warrants. In other words, hundreds of thousands of police officers swear under oath that the drugs were in plain view or that the defendant gave consent to a search."

"This may happen occasionally but it defies belief that so many drug users are careless enough to leave illegal drugs where the police can see them or so dumb as to give cops consent to search them when they possess drugs. But without this kind of police testimony, the evidence would be excluded under a 1961 U.S. Supreme Court decision, Mapp vs. Ohio."

McNamara, who cares deeply about the integrity of the police, believes that this widespread testilying has contributed to the atmosphere which creates police scandals such as those recently exposed in New York, Boston, Los Angeles, New Orleans, San Francisco, Philadelphia, Denver and other large cities. As the district attorney of Queens, N.Y., put it:

"What's important to recognize is the fact that when police officers are perceived to lie, that perception gets into the jury room. You've got to impress upon police officers that they are going to lose cases if the perception exists that they are bending the truth."

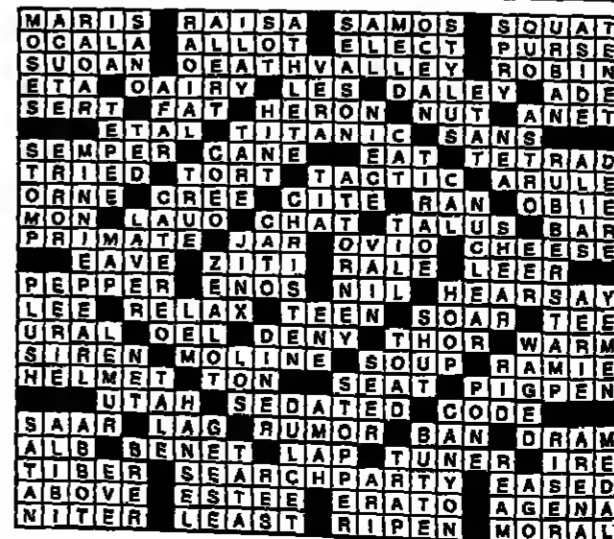
Perhaps, after decades of burying their collective heads in the sand, prosecutors, politicians and judges may finally be prepared to do something about this cancer in law enforcement. Unconcerned with the civil liberties implications of this dangerous phenomenon, these officials have received a wake-up call from the spate of acquittals that have resulted from the diminished trust juries seem to have, not only in police testimony, but in prosecutors and judges as well.

In Boston this week, a new scandal was brewing. A group of detectives is being investigated for possible corruption in nearly 12,000 cases. From the 11,800 case files and warrants in which they were involved, only 12 convictions resulted. This has led investigators to suspect that most of the arrests and searches they conducted were illegitimate. What is interesting about this scandal, as contrasted with earlier ones, is that the concern here is not so much that these bad cops were hurting the civil liberties of innocent suspects, but rather that they were hurting law enforcement by allowing possibly guilty defendants to go free.

New York City Police Commissioner Bratton has now introduced a program for training police officers to give accurate testimony in court. This will help. But the primary responsibility lies with the prosecutors who put lying cops on the witness stand and with the judges who pretend to believe them. If the guardians of our liberty get tough with cops who fib, we will see the end of testilying. All Americans will benefit from more honesty in our courts.

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The birth pangs of Hashomer Hatza'ir

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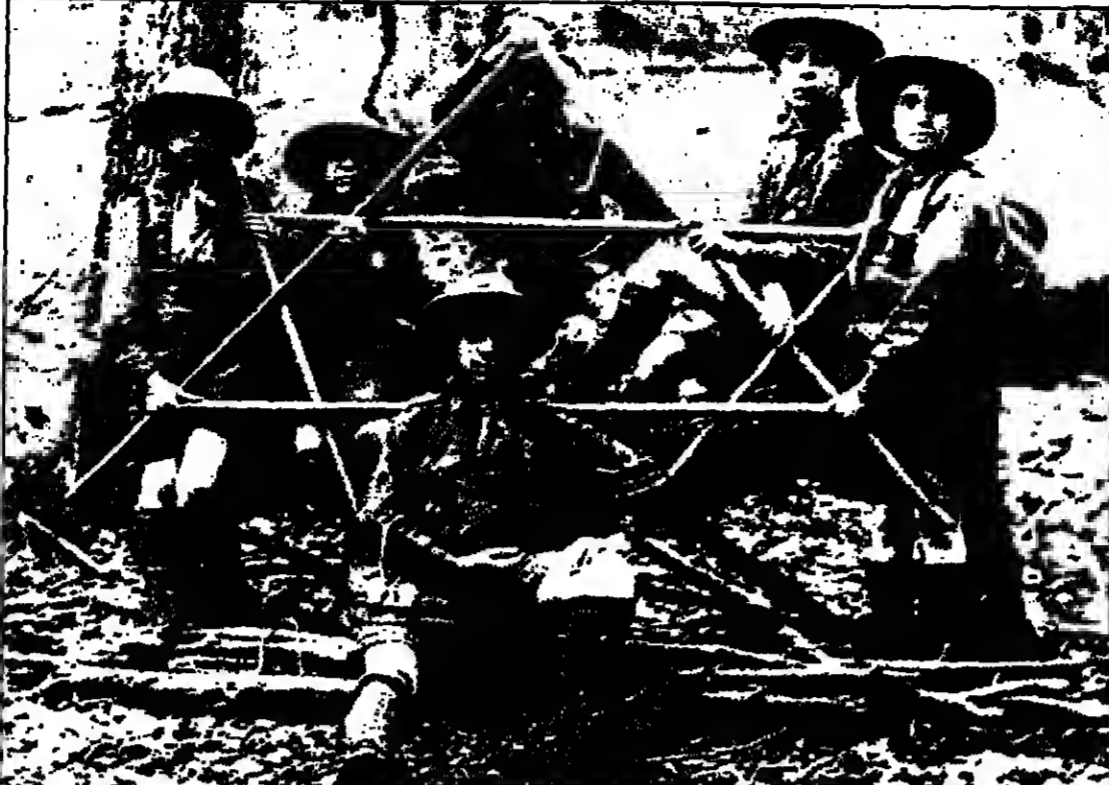
MARX, Freud and nationalistic aspirations beset the imagination of young Jews in eastern Europe at the turn of the century. That was the setting for the emergence of a youth movement that was destined to play a distinctive role in Zionist history: Hashomer Hatza'ir.

The young men who conceived the movement had no political aims. They wanted only to reeducate their generation, to give the Jewish youth the stature and pride of, say, the German *Wandervogel* nature movement. Many would probably have been interested in joining that fraternity. But the Germans and Austrians didn't want Jews for comrades.

Matityahu Mintz, professor emeritus of Tel Aviv University, traces the origins of Hashomer Hatza'ir in the 430-page volume *Hevlei Ne'urim* ("Pangs of Youth"), published recently by the World Zionist Organization. He dwells mainly on events that occurred in German-speaking Europe before World War I, and in the former Austrian-controlled part of Poland immediately after the war.

A number of local Jewish youth associations emerged, of which *Tze'irei Zion* and *Hashomer* gained prominence. Eventually, they merged, amid endless discussions on what their aims should be.

Some 200 followers, who met toward the end of 1919, still



Above, children at a summer camp of Hashomer Hatza'ir in Slonim, Poland, in 1923; Meir Ya'ari (right), the 'Grand Old Man' of the movement to rebuild the Jewish nation in Israel.

under the impact of bloody war, asserted that they should not seek to form a political party, or even seek political support. They were more interested in learning Hebrew and acquiring a practical trade. David Horowitz, who later became the first governor of the Bank of Israel, wrote in 1920 that the movement aimed at "living a full life, full of tension and

romanticism." a "free and liberated life." The world, he wrote, must be made "a function of man," and man must not be "an instrument of mechanical forces." Even more convoluted thinking came from a Galicia-born youth whose family moved to Vienna during the war. According to Meir Wald - later known as Meir Ya'ari, the Grand Old Man of Hashomer Hatza'ir and Mapam - the natural, "spontaneous" nature of the Jews would come to fruition only on their return to the physical environment in which they had originated - in the east, on the desert's edge. Only the trinity of spirit, nation and country would lead to "personal erotic salvation." Ya'ari pursued his ideals of creating a "pioneering fraternity" to



ship in Lvov in 1919. IN JULY 1920 some 100 members came to Palestine in two groups with only a vague idea on how to proceed. Their inclination was to try to preserve their togetherness in a kibbutz somewhere on the shores of Lake Kinneret. They depended for work on the Hapoel Hatza'ir labor exchange. But it had nothing to offer. One group suffered from virtual starvation and, having no strength to work, dispersed to other places. Things were only slightly better in Beit Gan, near Yavne'el. The group based there moved to Beitunya, in the same area. Here at least they could discuss their situation, argue about what had gone wrong, and whether or not there was hope for the future. Meir Ya'ari made a big impact on the group, Horowitz recalled later. But Horowitz himself was unsure whether Ya'ari's vision was realistic or just an illusion. Toward the end of 1921 the Hashomer Hatza'ir presence in Palestine dwindled considerably. Many members returned to Poland. Ya'ari spoke of the need for a "new covenant." He brandished the idea of establishing a great number of tiny settlements. And he called for the establishment of an organized party - a move he had opposed in the past. In practice, the politicization of Hashomer Hatza'ir took some time. By 1921 the Soviet experience had become a guiding spirit for what began purely as an exercise in self-education.

Hell on earth for the promise of paradise

ASK relatives and neighbors what made Sufian Sheih blow himself up last August on a Jerusalem bus, and they answer with shrugs and dismissive stabs of their heads. "As Jews have extremists, we have extremists," said Hamad Jabari, 33, a neighbor. "We don't know anything. We don't know what was in his mind." Out of earshot of their elders, young boys from the neighborhood are more interested in talking about Sheih - and their admiration for his act, which killed four people besides himself and wounded more than 100.

"Of course, he's our hero," said Ahmad, a tall 14-year-old in white trousers and a blue jacket. "We are so proud of him." Does he want to follow in his hero's footsteps? Ahmad hesitated. "I don't know," he said finally. The success of militant groups like Hamas and Islamic Jihad in persuading young men to sacrifice their lives to kill Jews is Israel's biggest security threat. As long as such human ammunition is available, deadly attacks require only sneaking a single person strapped with explosives across the border.

security agency, warned this week that there are hundreds more Palestinians willing to become suicide bombers. Suicide bombers are born from frustration and despair, psychologists and political analysts say. Like Sufian, they are almost always unmarried men in their 20s with no job and few prospects.

The clear-cut, uncompromising ideology of militant Islam and the rewards of martyrdom are a strong draw for these young men. They are promised a heavenly paradise with 72 virgins, posthumous adulation in their communities and financial benefits for their families - everything they lacked in life.

"It's the culmination of utter frustration with their lives," said Manuel Hassassian, a political science professor at Bethlehem University. "It's not a coincidence that all suicide bombers are very young and have no families," said Anat Kurtz, a terrorism expert at the Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies in Tel Aviv.

"Once a person gets to 30 and has several kids to take care of, he's not very likely to turn to religious ideas that would make him do something like that."

In addition to a political cause, a bomber has to have "very, very strong personal difficulties in dealing with himself and the world," Kurtz said.

"I don't think that political dedication is enough," she said. "We are all political persons and care about politics - but there's a long way to go between that and getting killed."

Some analysts claim the six-year intifada left a generation of young people with personal grudges against Israel. The bomber who blew up a Tel Aviv bus in October 1994, killing 22 people, left a tape saying he was avenging the death of a 14-year-old brother killed in the intifada.

Raed Sbagnoubi, who blew himself up on a Jerusalem bus on March 3, killing 18 people, had talked about becoming a suicide bomber after Israeli troops pumped seven bullets into the legs of his older brother, Mubammad, during a raid four years ago.

Mousa Ziadeh, now 15, was a would-be suicide bomber who told his story to reporters last year. He was arrested before he could carry out his attack. He joined the Hamas youth movement in Gaza City in 1992, drawn by the camaraderie and promises of paradise. He became a youth leader in the El-Bureij refugee camp, persuading other boys to attend religious classes by offering them Hamas tapes and other trinkets.

"We also scared them by talking to them about hell," he said. "Once they were hooked, we would move to lessons in politics."

Ziadeh said he was approached about becoming a suicide bomber one night as he swept up the mosque after prayers. "They told me since we're all mortal, it's better to die a martyr," he said.

"I thought of how I would become a hero like all the others who have martyred themselves. I told them I would do it." (AP)

Monkey business with numbers

WE'VE all heard the old saw that if a million monkeys typed for a million years, they might produce the *Soliloquy* from *Hamlet*. But, given calculators instead, could they balance the federal budget?

Researchers from Harvard University and Radcliffe College have shown that rhesus monkeys appear to be able to do basic math in their heads. The same type of experiment had previously revealed that human babies display the same skills. The two experiments pose profound questions about the calculating skills of all animals - and about what makes humans unique.

"It's going to open up an enormous research enterprise to get at the aspects of what mental representations are unique to people and what are widely shared," said Susan Carey, a New York University psychology professor who has done research on monkeys and on infants.

The experiment itself is so elegant that scientists familiar with the work described it as "lovely." It is based on the fact that humans and monkeys alike react to seeing something unexpected by staring at it. As Harvard researcher Marc D. Hauser and colleagues write in a recent issue of the *Journal of Experimental Psychology*, individuals "will look longer at events ... that in some sense violate their knowledge of the world."

"Thus, when a magician saw through a live human body, separates the two halves, and then reconstitutes them without damage, adults are surprised because our expectations about human bodies have been violated."

In an experiment exploiting this behavioral quirk, psychologist Karen Wynn of the University of Arizona tried to surprise some babies. She reasoned that if infants had arithmetical abilities, they would stare longer at an equation that

doesn't add up than at one that does. Working with infants between 4 and 6 months old, Wynn put a number of toys in a box whose interior was at least partly obscured by a screen. Then the screen would lift, revealing the number of toys within.

In a 1992 paper published in the journal *Nature*, Wynn reported that the babies indeed gazed longer at incorrect mathematical problems (say, one toy plus one toy equaling one toy) than correct ones (one plus one equaling two).

Her conclusion - "infants possess true numerical concepts" - suggests "that humans innately possess the capacity to perform simple arithmetical calculations, which may provide the foundations for the development of further arithmetical knowledge."

Hauser, an associate professor in Harvard's departments of anthropology and psychology, decided to test this thesis on primates.

Working with a population of wild monkeys on the island of Cayo Santiago, Puerto Rico, the Harvard team used eggplants and a box similar to Wynn's. Like the babies, the monkeys stared longer at impossible results, suggesting that they have mathematical abilities similar to those of human infants. Hauser has since run the experiment again with a different species of monkey (cotton-top tamarins), with similar results.

SO WHAT is it, exactly, that both babies and monkeys know? "It's still too early to claim with absolute confidence that monkeys have strong numerical interpretation," Hauser said, referring to the kind of number sense that leads to complex mathematical abilities and symbolic reasoning.

What it does say, however, is that monkeys and human infants have a similar ability to do rudimentary arithmetical calculations. Some scientists believe these basic skills are tied to an "accumulator" in the brain, a mechanism that totes things up the way a floorwalker's band clicker counts the number of customers coming into the store. To C.R. Gallistel, a psychology researcher at the University of California, Los Angeles, it comes as no surprise that the monkeys could do the simple addition and subtraction that the experiment entailed. After all, previous experiments with rats and pigeons have shown that they can count as high as 49, keeping track of that number of food pellets or auditory tones, and other animals seem to keep a mental counter running as they go through their daily activities. "Most foraging decisions depend on judging relative payoffs," Gallistel said. Gallistel, who has done leading work on animals' cognitive abilities, especially their representation of space, time and number, said, "My suspicion is that it goes much further back than the mammals."

Researchers have long had reservations about one aspect of the rat and pigeon experiments: The animals had to be highly trained in order to participate. That led some to question whether their counting capabilities might be attributable at least in part to the training itself, and not to natural ability. The Wynn and Hauser experiments, on the other hand, required no prior training. Their "preferential looking model" is the closest method yet devised to show innate mental capabilities. Gallistel said the new experiments are breaking down some very old walls. "It was taken for granted for many, many years that only humans had a numerical faculty - that only humans reason about numbers," he said. "As with so much of science, it tends to reduce humans' sense of their own uniqueness." (The Washington Post)

Lending a helping hand to abandoned dogs

LAST week a neighbor took in one of the many dogs that got dumped here in our village by owners who no longer want them. The dog in question is a truly beautiful collie, fawn and white, a spectacular young specimen about 18 months old. It has obviously been well fed, but has just a trace overfed from the weight he is carrying and he is friendly and very playful.

He is, however, very poorly groomed with tangles and snarls and the accompanying "hot spots" - a skin condition common to long-haired dogs that have not been groomed properly. Furthermore he refuses to allow anyone to now groom him, even snapping when one tries. This dog is also completely untrained and has obviously never been put on a leash before. When put on a lead he tries every way possible to get free. He also cannot be persuaded - in any language or by any system - to sit, lie down or come when called.

He is not house trained but, interestingly, he has been taught to retrieve a stick or ball and to put it down in front of his human companion. This he was no doubt taught because an untrained dog will refuse to relinquish the retrieved article. Obviously if this dog is to be kept by my neighbor, then he must learn a few things right away and this is not going to be easy. Getting him to walk on lead is the first step, and although I usually forgo their use it is probably going to be necessary to use a slip-chain or "choke" collar for the first lessons because no matter how hard he pulls against a regular collar he doesn't seem to feel it. These collars are usually not needed when a pup is taught at the right age but here we have a full-grown dog, so there is little

HEADS 'N' TAILS D'VORA BEN SHAUL

choice. If I were the adopter in this case I might consider having the dog learn to walk on lead, and sit and lie down on command by a professional trainer, especially since the neighbor who took him in is rather frail. Grooming is the next and also the most important step - here I would forgo a brush for the moment and use a grooming glove since it is not so alarming to a dog that isn't used to it. If the dog likes to be stroked

and petted, and this one does, then he will probably not mind a glove being used. (These gloves are available at pet stores.) It is just possible, however, that no matter how patient you are, the dog will refuse to be brushed and in this case one just might have to muzzle him until he gets the idea and sees that this is a painless and even pleasant procedure. But over and above these tips, the watchword is patience. This dog, like most dogs, is intelligent enough to adapt to the situation as soon as he gets over his fear of new circumstances. It's going to take a lot more work to get there but he will almost certainly learn what is required of him if given time. Some old truisms are entirely accurate but there is one that I have learned from experience to unlearn: "You can't teach an old dog new tricks." You can if you stay with it because we've also been told that "you're never too old to learn" - haven't we?

And I Shall Dwell Among Them

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Photographs and commentary by Neil Folberg

For the last three years Neil Folberg, a former student of Ansel Adams, has travelled the world, visiting Jewish communities past and present and photographing both grand-scale and modest synagogues, in places ranging from India to the Czech Republic, to Israel, the American South and the Caribbean. An essay by Yom Tov Assis focuses on the social and cultural history of the Jews, and Neil Folberg's first-person account of his photographs accompanies each of the chapters, which are divided into geographic regions. A superb full color album, it provides a vibrant window onto the Jewish cultural past.

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Windsurfing Championships open today in Haifa

HEATHER CHAIT

Aging Pendleton braces for another season

MELBOURNE, Fla. (AP) - Tired and sore and growing old, Terry Pendleton still likes to play every day. Pendleton sat out only 11 of the Florida Marlins' 144 games last year...

THE World Windsurfing Championships which open in Haifa today mean D-day for Amit Inbar and Gal Friedman. Both have cleared the criterion for the Olympics...



OFF TO THE RACES - The pressure's on Amit Inbar as he competes for a spot in the Olympics against fellow national Gal Friedman.

Sharif Asfour, from Egypt, is the only entrant from an Arab state to have signed up so far and was due to arrive in Israel yesterday.

National team coach Gur Steinberg, himself a past world champion, is satisfied with his team's training. "We've worked hard in Haifa for two months and our preparations are done."

Kendal, both from New Zealand, while France has the strongest team. On the women's front, the French have the clear upper hand.

Teams looking to settle old scores in World Cup final

LAHORE, Pakistan (Reuters) - Diplomatic noises will be made, soothing words expressed, but if World Cup officials are relying on a harmonious final between Australia and Sri Lanka today they must have spent the last three months on Mars.



FEELING MEAN - To Mark Taylor and squad, this final is personal.

semifinal win over West Indies. Sri Lanka, almost oblivious to the fact it has reached its first World Cup final, is itching to seize its opportunity.

the senior Australian players since the start of the tournament to emulate their 1987 predecessors who triumphed in Calcutta over their more traditional rival England.

Nelson on firing: It's my fault

'I was the wrong guy for the job'

NEW YORK (AP) - Don Nelson accepted all the blame for his firing, calling himself an old-school coach who made a mistake trying to change an "inflexible" New York Knicks team.

Candid and contrite as he spoke for about 30 minutes, Nelson said for about 30 minutes, Nelson said for about 30 minutes, Nelson said for about 30 minutes...

Princeton stuns UCLA; UConn beats Colgate

NCAA: Thursday's, Friday's Games see Duke, Maryland fall

NEW YORK (AP) - Princeton showed UCLA the backdoor right out of the NCAA tournament. After scaring opponents for years, the Tigers finally pulled off the big upset Thursday night with a 43-41 win over defending champion UCLA in the Southeast Regional at Indianapolis.

MIDWEST Va Tech 61, Wisc-Green Bay 48. Shawn Good made five 3-pointers and scored a career-high 25 points for Virginia Tech. Ace Custis added 15 points for the Hokies (23-5).

Mass beats Stanford

Massachusetts 88, Stanford 85. John Wallace scored 18 points and Todd Burgan had 17 as Syracuse routed Montana State despite a great performance by center Quadre Lollis.

Last-minute Man Uni

Georgia Tech 74, N Illinois 73. North Carolina 83, N Orleans 62. Temple 61, Oklahoma 43. Temple harassed Oklahoma into 32-percent shooting, including a 6-for-20 performance by Sooner star Ryan Minor.

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SPORTS

Mass beats Stanford

PROVIDENCE, RI (AP) - Marcus Camby, despite playing in foul trouble most of the second half, had 20 points and seven blocked shots and top-ranked Massachussetts bled on to beat Stanford 79-74 yesterday in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

The Minutemen (33-1) advanced to the East Regional semifinals on Thursday in Atlanta against the winner of the game between fourth-seeded Marquette and 12th-seeded Arkansas.

Massachusetts, which came within one game of the Final Four last season, avoided becoming the fourth No. 1 seed to lose a second-round game in the '90s.

Betar flops, Mac. waltzes

THE 22nd round of National League action sealed a miserable week for Betar Jerusalem. After losing key striker Ronen Harazi for several weeks following an accident at a training session, the Betar side ended 4-0 losers as they fell straight into a tactical trap sprung by Hapoel Tel Aviv from which they found no escape.

Once again, the crazy element among Betar's support caused trouble, reacting to defeat with fighting and bottle-throwing incidents that can only earn their side more punishment in the way of radius matches and fines.

Leader and current champion Maccabi Tel Aviv meanwhile waltzed its way to victory over Maccabi Jaffa, to extend its lead at the summit to five points. A 4-1 win for Maccabi Haifa took the side into second position above Betar Jerusalem whom they meet in next week's big clash at Teddy Stadium that should determine which of the teams can launch the final assault against Maccabi Tel Aviv as the season proceeds to its climax.

DEREK FATTAL

ter the restart. This time it was Polish import Kascimisz Moskal who beat Itzik Kofein.

The goal seemed to knock the stuffing out of Betar, and it was left to Tikvah to rub salt into the wounds when he sailed through to take his second in injury time.

Mac Haifa 4, Hap Petah Tikva 1. Hapoel managed to stifle the Haifaites and their star player Haim Revivo for the first 45 minutes but they allowed their opponents to take the game by the scruff of the neck in the second half.

England keeps 5 Nations crown as France falls

LONDON (Reuter) - Fly-half Paul Grayson kicked 23 points and wing Jon Sleightholme ran in a brilliant try as England beat Ireland 28-15 yesterday to retain the Five Nations' title and give an injured Will Carling a victorious send-off as captain.

England took the crown when Wales beat France. Carling, in his 59th international as England captain, was carried off five minutes before half-time with torn ligaments in his ankle and took no further part in the match. He was replaced by Phil de Glanville with number eight Dean Richards taking over as skipper.

Four minutes from time, and with England finding gaps in a tiring Ireland defense, Sleightholme made a diagonal run for the far flag, riding two tackles on the way to touch down near the corner.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Table with columns for team names (Maccabi Jaffa, Hapoel Tel Aviv, etc.), goals scored, and match dates.

SECOND DIVISION

Table with columns for team names (Hapoel Ramat Gan, etc.), goals scored, and match dates.

Final Four hoops teams set

REAL Madrid, CSKA Moscow and Panathinaikos joined Barcelona in the Final Four with victories over the weekend in the decisive third games of the European Club Basketball Championships quarterfinals.

Barcelona had already swept its series against Ulster Istanbul to secure its spot, the club's fifth trip to the Final Four in the past eight seasons.

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Last-minute goal by Cantona puts Man United top on goal difference

LONDON (Reuter) - A last-minute goal by Frenchman Eric Cantona earned Manchester United a 1-1 draw at Queens Park Rangers yesterday, putting them top of the Premier League for the first time since September.

United, which had won its last 10 cup and league games, looked as though it had blown its chance of knocking Newcastle off the top after trailing to a 63rd-minute Denis Irwin own goal.

But Cantona's strike meant it went top on goal difference. Both teams have 61 points but Newcastle can reclaim the leadership tomorrow when it plays West Ham at home.

Table with columns for team names (Derby, Wimbledon, etc.), goals scored, and match dates.

Striker Chris Albo, playing only his second match for Forest, put it ahead after 56 minutes. Middlebrough equalized a minute later through Robbie Mustoe.

But while there were dramatic finishes at both Tottenham and Manchester City, Cantona's last-minute header at QPR could yet have the biggest impact on the season.

Although United has played two matches more than Newcastle and leads only on goal difference, Cantona has become a talismanic figure for the Old Trafford side.

Table with columns for team names (Gillingham, Preston, etc.), goals scored, and match dates.

Yesterday's goal was his ninth in 13 matches and his second crucial one this month following his strike at St James' Park on March 4 which gave United a 1-0 win over Newcastle to open up the championship race.

Brazilian World Cup winner Branco made his first start for Middlesbrough but could not help his new club end its long run without a league win.

He drew 1-1 at home with Nottingham Forest and has now gone 12 league games since beating West Ham two days before Christmas without a victory bonus.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

NY stocks end mixed FTSE index drops

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks ended mixed Friday, with the blue chip indexes rallying hard in the final hour to close barely lower on the day. Broad market indexes gained. On Wall Street, the Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks ended down 1.09 points...

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuters) - British shares ended a volatile week lower as investors continued to worry about a turbulent Wall Street, sliding bond markets and the possibility that a growing US economy will dash hopes of lower US interest rates...

Cyclical stocks gain

WALL STREET WEEK

NEW YORK (AP) - Is the US economy strong or stuck? The answer is far from clear, yet stock investors apparently believe it is unequivocally strong. They are snapping up issues that tend to outperform the rest of the market when the economy is the rise, boosting their holdings in autos, basic materials and machinery...

Dollar up against mark, yen

CURRENCY REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) - The dollar eked out gains against the German mark and Japanese yen Friday on economic data that showed a strengthening economy. In early US trading, the dollar followed the Treasury bond market lower by selling off in response to economic news that confirmed doubts of lower interest rates...

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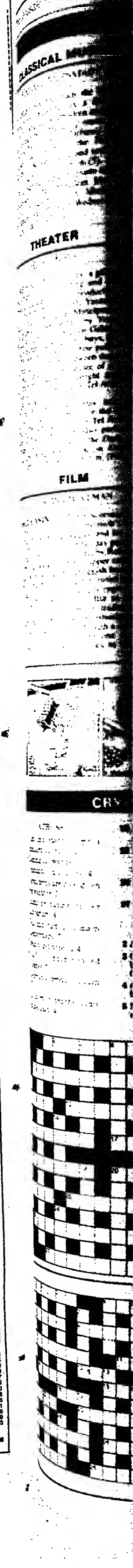
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2 killed when light plane crashes into barn

DAVID RUDGE

TWO people were killed yesterday morning when their ultralight plane crashed into a cowshed in Moshav Beit Lehem Haglilit and burst into flames.

Itai Egar, 38, and his nephew Nari Yorag, 15, both from the moshav, in the Jezreel Valley, were killed instantly in the crash. There were no other casualties.

Egar was one of the country's veteran ultralight pilots. The two took off from a landing strip on the moshav and made a short flight. When they returned,

however, a patch of fog had suddenly covered the area.

According to police, the plane hit a tree while trying to return to the landing strip and part of the aircraft fell off. The rest of the plane, with the two aboard, crashed into a cowshed on the moshav and burst into flames. Officials from the civil aviation authority went to the scene to investigate.

Police said the fog was probably the cause of the accident since the plane was new.



Jewish Agency head Avraham Burg (left) talks with Uruguayan President Julio Maria Sanguinetti in Montevideo on Friday. Burg is visiting Jewish communities in South America. (Reuters)

Eban among Israelis who boycotted Jerusalem symposium

PARIS (Reuters) A symposium on Jerusalem's future opened on Friday without mainstream Israeli representatives after Israel branded it a bid to pre-judge the city's fate before negotiations on the final status of Palestinian territories.

Only a handful of Israelis, mostly from tiny ultra-leftist groups including a man once jailed for giving logistical support to Palestinian terrorist groups, attended the opening at UNESCO headquarters.

An initial guest list included such Israeli personalities as former foreign minister Abba Eban and Labor party international affairs head Israel Gat but they stayed away in protest over the alleged bias.

Several Palestinians living in the West Bank or Gaza Strip were unable to attend the opening session at the UN cultural body's Paris offices because they could not enter Israel in order to reach an airport because of the closure.

The Palestinian position was presented by Salim Tamari, head of Jerusalem's Institute for Palestinian Studies and a negotiator in past Israeli-Palestinian peace talks, who said interim measures should be adopted to protect Palestinian rights.

Tamari said talks on Jerusalem's permanent status, to open after May 4, could take years during which Israel would consolidate its hold on the city.

"In the meantime, we should

think hard about arrangements that would give the Palestinians as much access to Jerusalem as the Israelis have...getting to schools, hospitals and places we are often cut off from, as well as residency rights like the Israelis have," Tamari said.

One Israeli view was presented by author-journalist Boaz Evron, a Peace Now sympathizer, who said he nearly canceled his participation because of the bombings. Evron said he wrongly believed at one point that his son, daughter-in-law and three grandchildren had been victims of a Jerusalem bombing.

"It was the worst hours of my life...I thought, 'Why am I going to Paris to talk peace when we are being killed here?'" he said.

But he said the peace process "must continue and the most important point is that (Prime Minister) Shimon Peres must stay in power. If the bombings continue and (the right-wing opposition) Likud party wins Israel's elections, peace is dead."

Israel complained to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization this week, saying it had allowed itself to be manipulated into holding the symposium.

"The conference is basically being organized by the Palestinians who want to go back to the old days when UNESCO was their political tool," an Israeli diplomat said on Friday.

Bubis to appeal to UNESCO over plans for Auschwitz store

WARSAW (AP) - Jewish leaders said Friday they will seek UNESCO's help to stop construction of a shopping mall across the street from Auschwitz.

"We will inform UNESCO... and demand that the construction is stopped," said Ignatz Bubis, head of the Central Council of Jews in Germany.

Bubis was speaking by telephone from Frankfurt, after attending a meeting of the European Jewish Congress in Paris.

On Thursday, the congress discussed plans by a Polish entrepreneur and a German financier to turn decrepit warehouses opposite the camp into a mall with fast-food stands, clothing stores and a 200-car parking lot.

The mall, to open in June, would lie within the 480-meter protection zone established by

the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) around the former camp to protect its character and mood.

Polish developers defend the plan, saying the shopping center will serve museum visitors and improve appearance of the now bleak and somber camp surroundings.

"We agree one has to make some order here," Bubis said.

"We would not object to a cafe, or a shop with souvenirs," he said. "But [we say] no to a supermarket."

Bubis said a supermarket does not become a sacred place where some 1.2 million people, mostly Jews, were killed and cremated by the Nazis.

"We will also appeal once again to President

Aleksander Kwasniewski to stop the construction," he added.

Following protests from Jewish leaders, Kwasniewski earlier this week condemned the project. Prime Minister Wlodzimierz Cimoszewicz has asked the mayor of Oswiecim to withdraw his authorization.

It is unclear, however, how much influence the federal government could have over the decision issued by local authorities in Oswiecim, where the camp is located.

A special commission set up by the minister of culture, who also objected to the project, investigated the situation in Auschwitz on Thursday and is going to present a report next week.

No member of the commission was available for comment Friday.

Canadian Jews concerned about ruling on refugees

MONTREAL (AP) - Refugee advocates and Jewish leaders fear that Jews fleeing persecution abroad could be denied refugee protection in Canada because of a recent Federal Court ruling.

The court has backed the Immigration and Refugee Board's denial of refugee status to Antonina Grygorian, 66, who testified she fled antisemitic persecution in Azerbaijan, a former Soviet republic.

Board members Jack Davis and William Avery rejected her claim partly on the ground that as a Jew, she could always apply for citizenship in Israel under the Law of Return.

The board's position, issued in Toronto, was upheld November 23 by Federal Court Justice Marcel

Joyal.

The refugee advocates and Jewish leaders say Canada shouldn't shut its doors to Jews who have no links with Israel, merely on the basis that in theory, they could become citizens there.

The ruling is unacceptable, said Jack Silverstone, executive director of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

"It amounts to a discriminatory provision against persons of Jewish origin," he said Thursday.

Montreal lawyer Mitchell Goldberg said some officers at the Refugee Board are using the precedent to try to slam the door on Jewish refugee claims. He said it's been cited against Jews who have fled persecution in Georgia, Kazakhstan and Russia.

NY to celebrate Jerusalem 3000

NEW YORK (AP) - Jerusalem 3000 celebrations will be held at a celebration in Manhattan, within sight of the Statue of Liberty and next to the future Holocaust Museum.

The outdoor gathering on May 7 at an open space in Battery Park City will feature speakers, music, art exhibits and kosher food. Talk-show host Larry King of CNN will serve as master of ceremonies.

Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert will fly in for the party, which is being dedicated to the late prime

New director named for Acre theater festival

ACTOR/director/playwright Itzik Weingarten will be artistic director of the 1996 Acre Festival for Alternative Theater. He replaces Acre Theater Center Director Dudi Ma'ayan who presided over a lackluster festival last year. The appointment is for one year only. *Helen Kaye*

MDA friends association to be set up here

JUDY SIEGEL

A MAGEN David Adom friends' association was established here in last week by businesspeople and professionals to support the organization in addition to the existing 16 associations around the world.

The voluntary group said it aimed at helping the first-aid and blood-supply organization to resolve its serious financial problems by organizing fund-raising efforts in Israel on a broad basis.

Among the founders are MDA president David Barzilai, journalist Dan Hamitzer, Nazareth businessman Bediye Tanus, Elron managing director Uzia Galil, insurance executive Ariela Shmida-Doron, accountant Iris Shtark and lawyer Ami Osnat.

At the founding meeting at MDA's national blood center at Tel Hashomer, Shmida-Doron was elected chairman.

The founders expressed their appreciation for MDA workers and volunteers who dealt with the victims of recent terror attacks.

Report: Leah Rabin to receive \$2.5 million for memoirs

The daily *Globe* said that the American publishing company raised the sum in discussions with Leah Rabin, who has announced she plans to write a book about her life with the late premier.

Rabin could not be immediately reached for comment, and in the past has refused to comment on any pending book deals.

Rabin's 18-year-old granddaughter, Noa Ben-Artzi, has reportedly received an advance of nearly \$1 million for a 200-page book due out in April. (AP)

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Sarid intervenes in row over wolf packs on Golan

DAVID RUDGE

ENVIRONMENT Minister Yossi Sarid imposed a ban yesterday on the issuing of any permits to shoot wolves on the Golan Heights, despite the fact that they have been causing extensive damage to sheep and cattle.

Sarid interceded after the Nature Reserves Authority (NRA) permitted licensed hunters and NRA wardens to shoot wolves caught preying on livestock.

One wolf seen attacking sheep and calves on the Golan was shot and killed before Sarid imposed the ban yesterday. This followed intense pressure from cattle and sheep breeders who charged that packs of hunting wolves had been killing scores of sheep and calves, causing hundreds of thousands of shekels' worth of damage.

The breeders also maintained that the population of the wolves protected species had risen to about 100, and there were fears they might endanger children in farming communities.

Both claims were categorically denied by the NRA and the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel (SPNI). They said they were only a few dozen wolves and that there was not the remotest chance they would harm humans.

The SPNI and the NRA have accused some cattle and sheep breeders of poisoning carcasses of animals to kill wolves, despite the fact they are protected.

SPNI spokeswoman Orit Nevo stressed, however, that this endangered other carnivores and birds of prey, including griffin vultures, and could cause an "environmental disaster."

The SPNI and the NRA have demanded speedy action by the police to apprehend the perpetrators and stiff punishments for offenders. Nevertheless, the NRA decided to issue permits to licensed hunters and its own wardens to shoot wolves seen preying on sheep and cattle.

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